

**Remarks**

The Office Action dated June 10, 2009 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in response thereto. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

In the Office Action, claims 16, 17, 19, 23, 24 and 26 were indicated to be allowed and claims 34 and 35 were indicated to be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for discussing possible amendments to the claims with Applicants' representative on September 2, 2009. During these discussions, the Examiner and Applicants' representative reached an agreement as to allowable claims.

In particular, the Examiner indicated that the claims as amended herein are allowable. Thus, in accordance with the discussions with the Examiner, without prejudice or disclaimer, and for the sole purpose of advancing prosecution, Applicants have (a) amended claims 16 and 23 to recite consisting of, (b) amended claim 31 to incorporate the limitations of claims 34 and 35 and (c) canceled claims 32, 33 and 43 to 46. Applicants respectfully submit since the pending claims were indicated to be allowable the outstanding rejection and objection are moot.

**Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any necessary fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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